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**Communicable Diseases/Epidemiology
Influenza Weekly Report
Arkansas 2014-2015**

Week Ending Saturday 10/18/2014

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During flu season the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) produces this Weekly Influenza Report for clinicians. The report provides information on flu activity in the state. The report also compares influenza-like illness (ILI) in Arkansas to activity in the US. ADH receives detailed reports of only a small fraction of flu cases. Therefore, it is important to understand that the information in the weekly update is representative of the timing and location of activity, but it does not reflect the overall burden of disease. It is presumed that there are many more people actually affected than the report shows.

Report Summary:

- We are seeing an increase in positive influenza antigen tests reported to Arkansas Department of Health for week 42 by healthcare providers. Reports received from the following counties: Benton, Conway, Craighead, Faulkner, Garland, Jefferson, Little River, Pulaski, Searcy, Sebastian, St. Francis, Washington and White, but the highest numbers were reported from Garland and Washington Counties.
- Nine samples confirmed Positive last week for influenza by PCR testing. 7 as A H3N2 and 2 B Victoria. These confirmed tests have been reported from Bradley, Colombia, Conway, Drew and Lee Counties.
- Over 3.8% of patients visiting emergency rooms last week were there for ILI.
- Arkansas reported “Sporadic” influenza activity to CDC for week 42.
- Nationwide, the geographic spread of influenza in Guam was reported as widespread; Puerto Rico and four states reported local activity; the District of Columbia and 36 states reported sporadic activity; and the U.S. Virgin Islands and 10 states reported no influenza activity.
- You can view the weekly influenza report during the influenza season at:
<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/infectiousDisease/Immunizations/SeasonalFlu/Pages/FluReport.aspx>

For Additional National and International Influenza Surveillance Information:

Google Flu Trends: Google Flu Trends uses aggregated Google search data in a model created in collaboration with CDC to estimate influenza activity in the United States. For more information and activity estimates from the U.S. and worldwide, <http://www.google.org/flutrends/us/#US>.

World Health Organization FluNet: Additional influenza surveillance information from participating WHO member nations is available at http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/flunet/en/index.html.

CDC - Seasonal Influenza (Flu) - WeeklyReport: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/> and flu activity surveillance: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

Flu near you: <https://flunearyou.org/>. Please sign up and forward to your staff!

2014-2015 Influenza CD/Epi Weekly Report (Week 42: 10/12/14 - 10/18/14)

Death Report for Week 42

- Deaths from all causes: 448
- Deaths due to Pneumonia: 18
- PCR confirmed Flu Deaths: 0
- Death Certificate or Flu Antigen only: 0

Cumulative Flu Deaths since 9/28/2014

- PCR confirmed Flu deaths: 0
- Death Certificate or Flu Antigen only: 0
- Cumulative Flu deaths: 0

ER Visits*

- **Week Ending: 10/18/2014**
Weighted Average: 6.1% (32 Hospitals)
– Total Visits: 12,284
– Visits with ILI: 750
- **Previous Week**
Weighted Average: 4.9% (37 Hospitals)
– Total Visits: 16,067
– Visits with ILI: 795

*% is the number of ILI visits*100/Total Visits

Total Flu-Related Hospital Admissions

- **PCR Confirmed:**
– Cumulative: 0
– Week ending 10/18/2014: 0
- **ILI or Antigen Tested (Provisional):**
– Cumulative: 4
– Week ending 10/18/2014: 0

Weekly Arkansas ILI Intensity Level Reported by Sentinel Providers



PCR Lab Confirmed Influenza

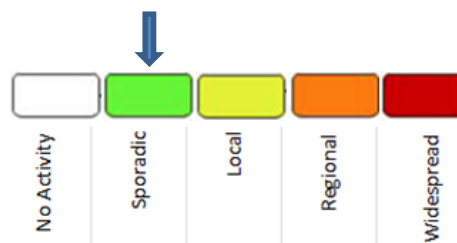
- Total Cases in September 2014: 8
- Total Cases since 09/28/2014: 17
- Week Ending 10/18/2014: 9

PCR Tests	ADH Lab Week42	Other Labs Week42	Cumulative Cases Since 9/28/2014
A+	0	0	0
B+	0	0	0
B/Victoria	2	0	5
B/ Yamagata	0	0	0
H1N1+	0	0	0
H3+	7	0	12
Unsubtypable	0	0	0
Total	0	0	17
Negative	0	--	

PCR Confirmed Influenza Cases since 09/28/2014

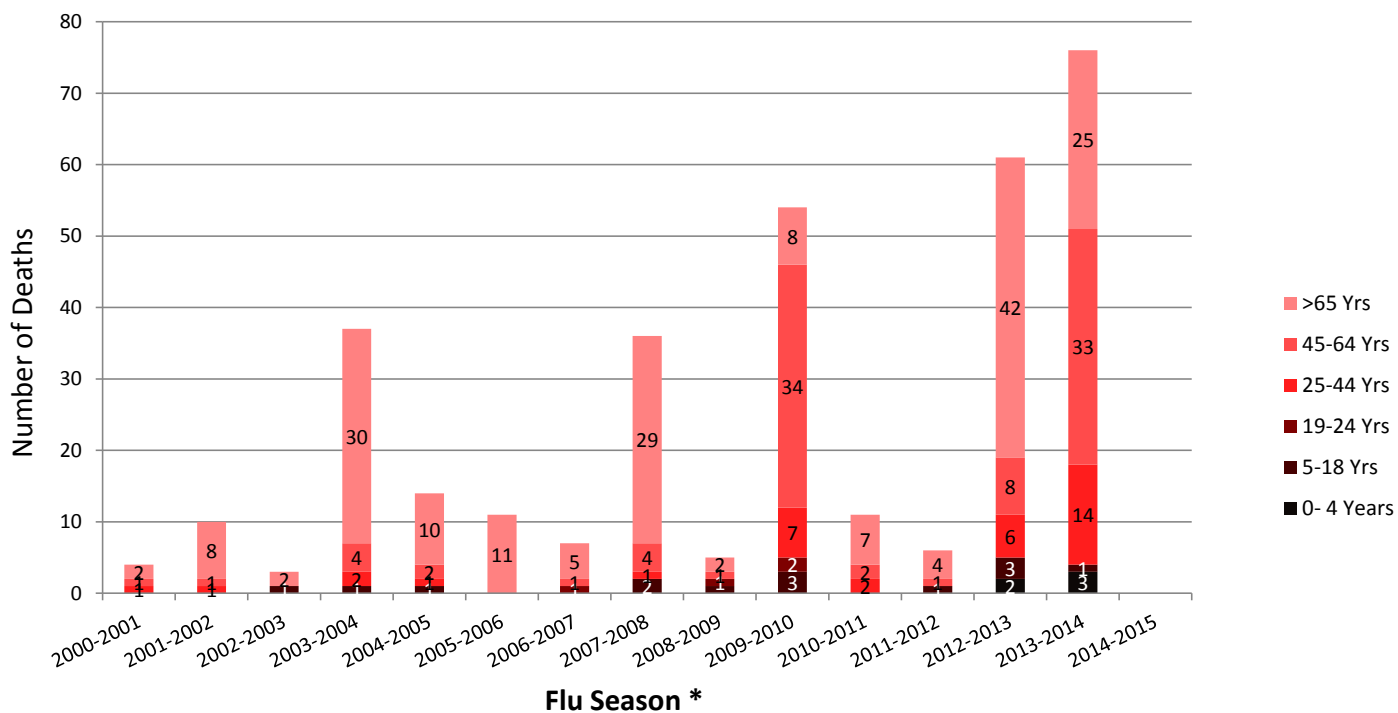
Age Groups	PCR+	Hospitalized	Deaths
0-4 yr	2	0	0
5-18 yr	11	0	0
19-24 yr	0	0	0
25-49 yr	1	0	0
50-64 yr	1	0	0
>= 65 yr	2	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0
Total	17	0	0

Geographic ILI Activity Level Reported for Week 42:



Influenza Mortality by Age Group, Arkansas 2000-2015 (Provisional)

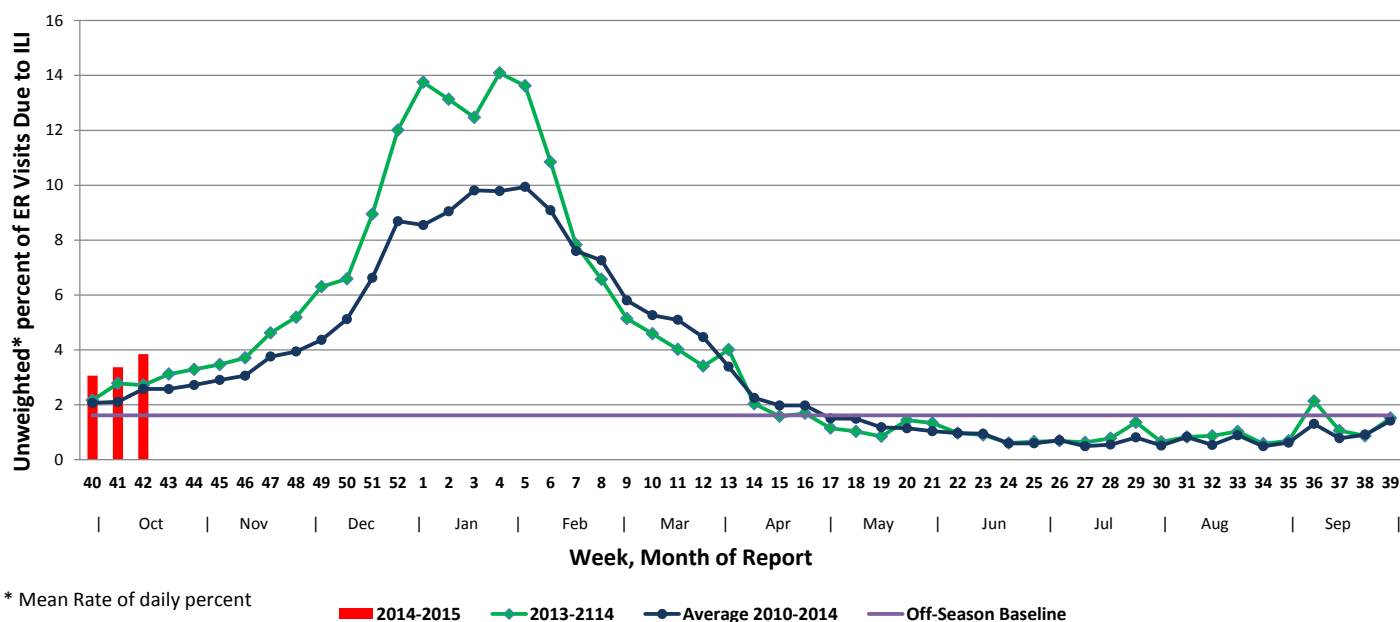
Report Updated: 10/7/2014



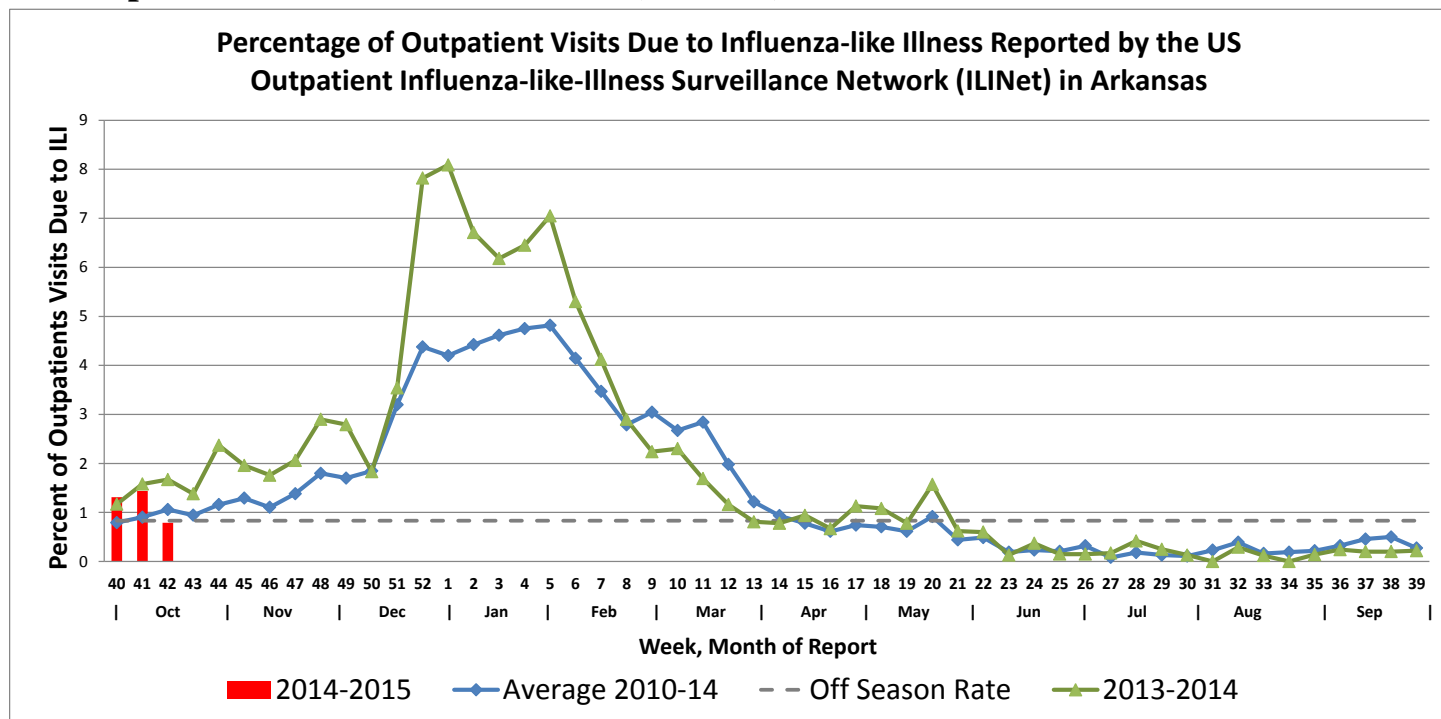
* All seasons range from week 40 to week 39 except 2009-2010 started week 36
Source: ADH Immunization Section, Center for Health Statistics

Hospital Report – ER Visits With Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI)

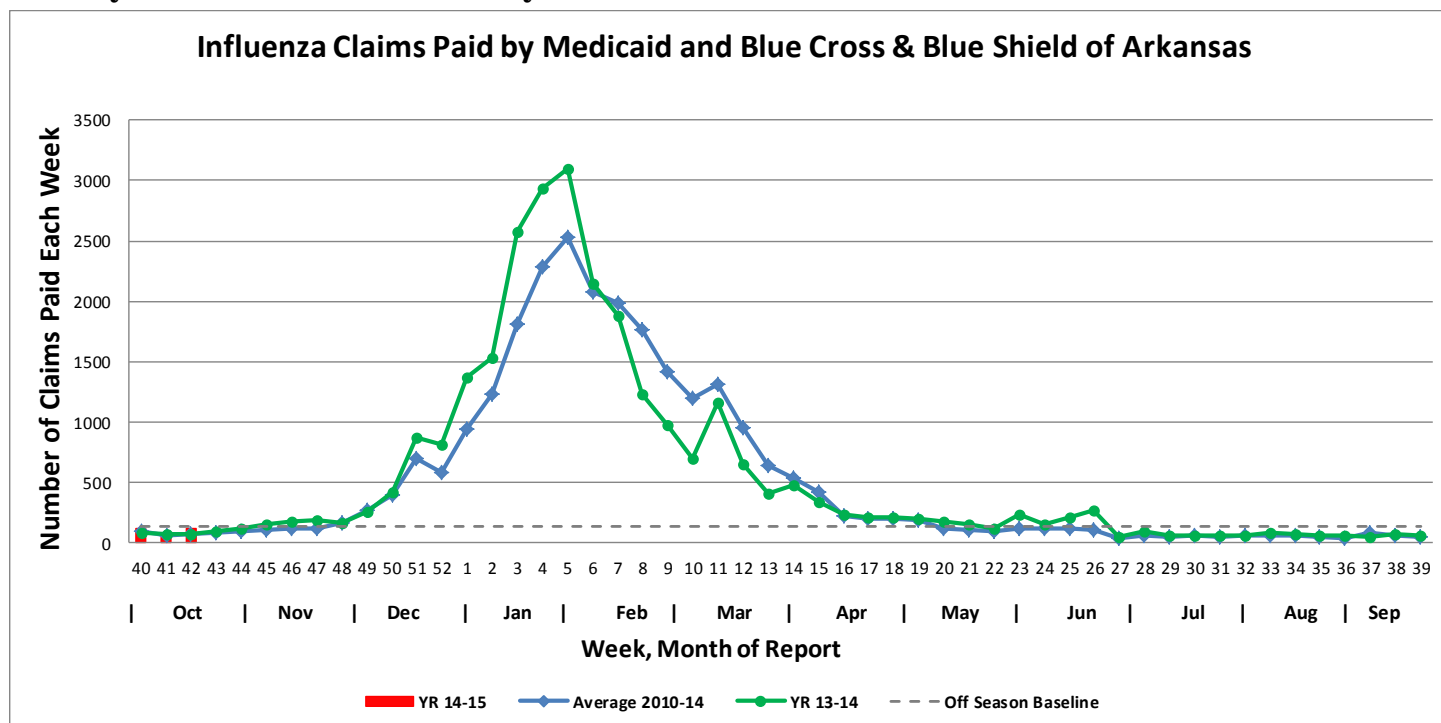
ER Visits Due to ILI, Arkansas Hospitals



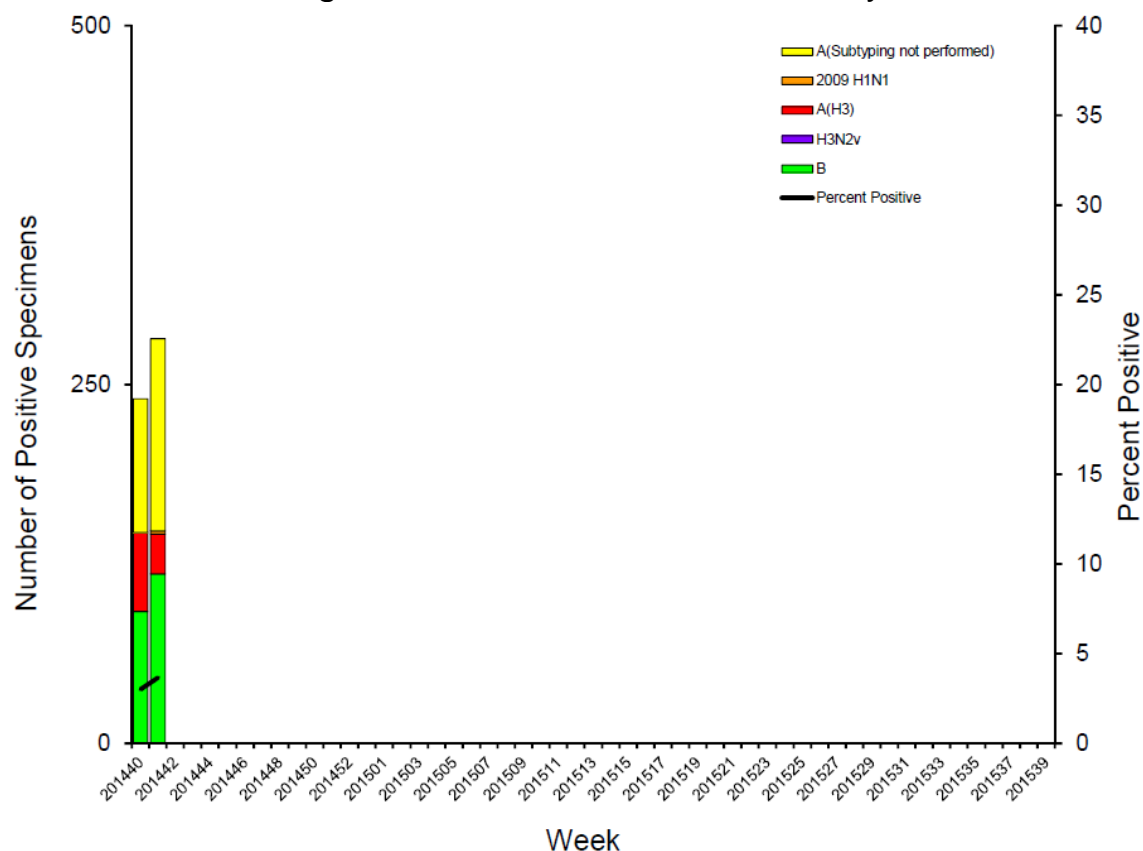
US Outpatients Influenza Surveillance (ILINET)



Weekly Influenza Claims Paid by Medicaid and BCBS

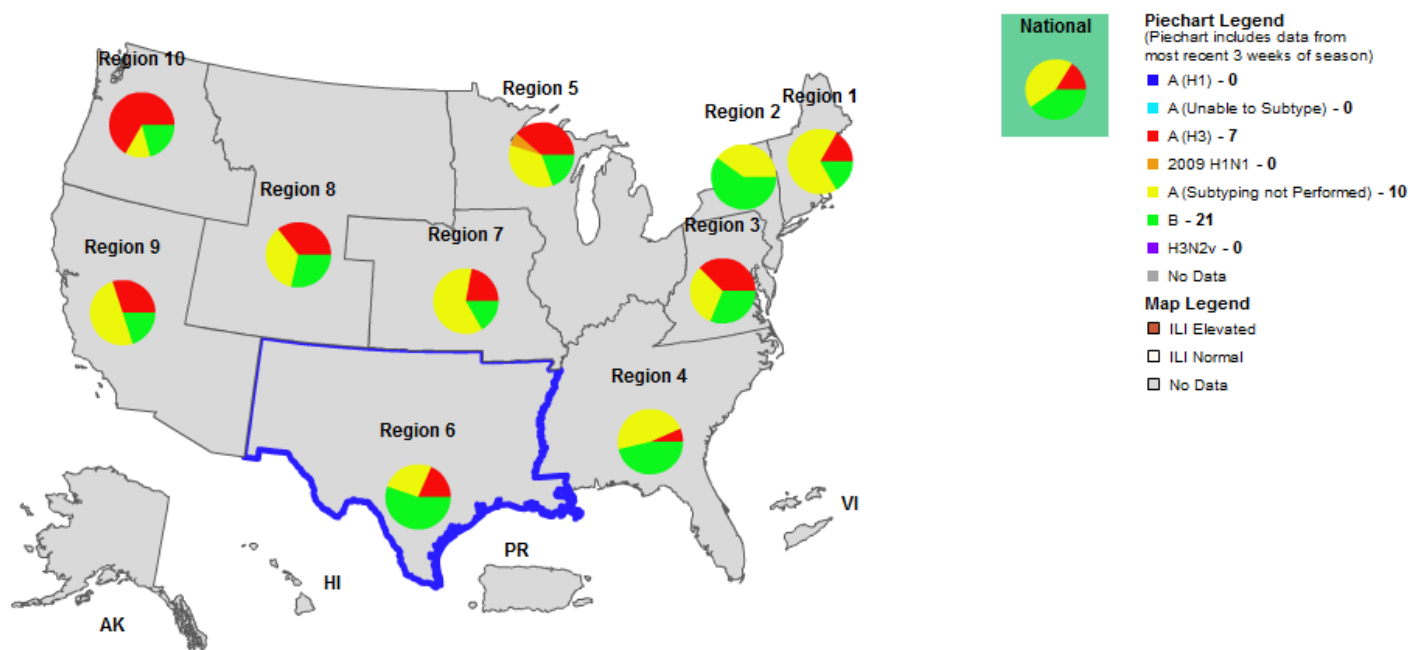


Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. WHO/NREVSS Collaborating Laboratories, National Summary, 2014-15

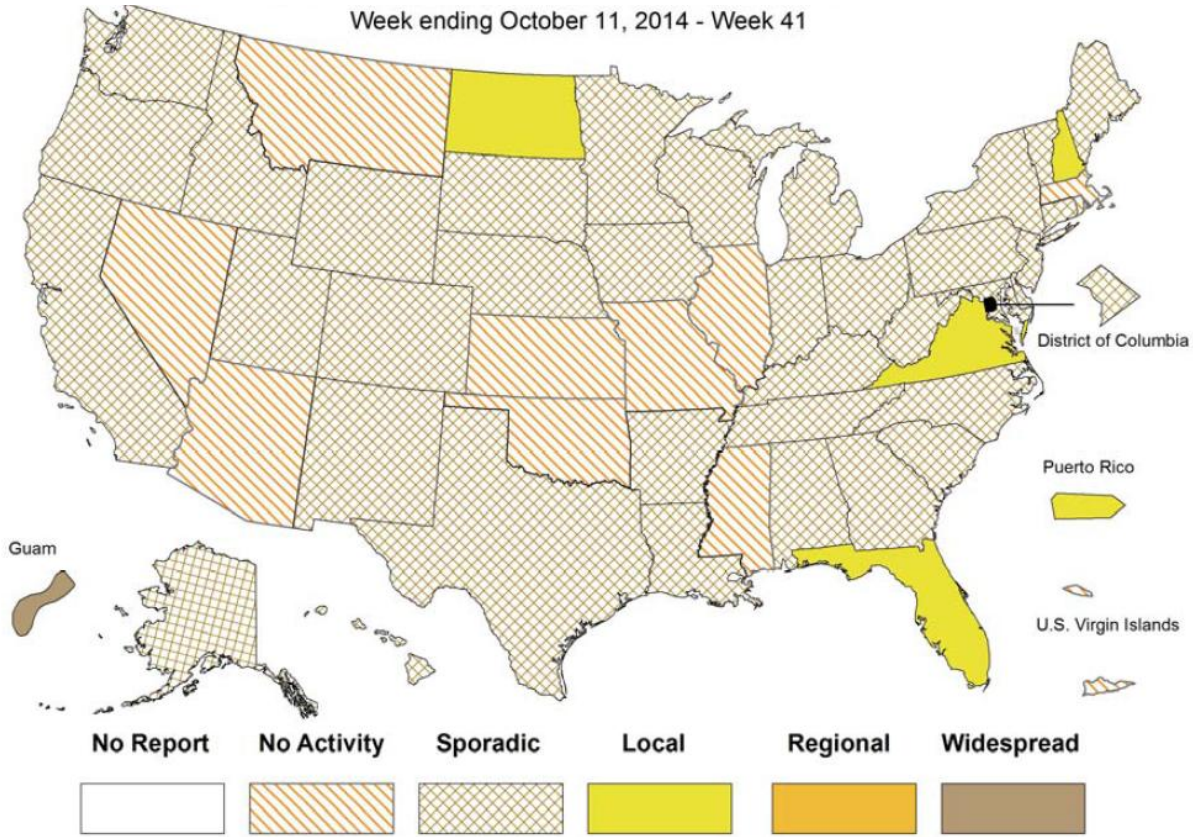


Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC and ILI Activity, by HHS Region, 2014-2015 Season, Week Ending Oct 10, 2014

Values in legend is for the highlighted HHS region (Region 6)



Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists



Arkansas Flu Activity Level Reported for Week: 42: Sporadic

Antigen Report:

